

Homecoming Queen

A one-night stand?

by Todd Rowatt
Staff Writer

When the music stops and the lights go down, where does the one-night Cinderella go?

To some students, the homecoming queen reigns for only one night. Actually her job lasts all year.

Rancho Santiago College's new queen will be crowned during Saturday night's homecoming game at Eddie West Field.

The queen is expected to represent the college at such events as RSC's High School Senior Day and local parades. According to Darlene Jacobson, adviser for the homecoming activities, "The homecoming queen is the official representative of the school and therefore she is called on when needed to represent the college."

People on campus have different views about the homecoming queen contest.

Sara Lundquist, coordinator of New Horizons said, "Women are worth what they look like, while men are worth what they can do."

Robyne Hemingway, one of the homecoming finalists, said the queen represents "the ideal student."

History instructor Joanne Maybury-McKim questioned why students are worried about homecoming when there is a war going on in Central America.

Homecoming finalist Veronica Martinez said the queen should be "beautiful on the inside as well as the outside."

In addition to Hemingway and Martinez, the homecoming finalists are Norma Vergil, Jaelynn Brown, and Cynthia Widney.

Vergil, 20, is a sophomore majoring in computer science. She is sponsored by Ceramics Club.

Brown, 18, is a freshman sponsored by the Black Student Union. She is law enforcement major and a member of the RSC pep squad.

The football team has sponsored Widney, 19. She is a sophomore majoring in business administration.

Hemingway, 22, is a freshman sponsored by the College Republicans. She is majoring in journalism and likes to play basketball.

Martinez, 18, also a journalism major, is sponsored by Extended Opportunities Programs and Services.



FUN FOR ALL—Homecoming activities ranging from fun to educational were featured all this week as part of the homecoming tradition. Roaring 20's, the theme, set the stage for this costume contest.

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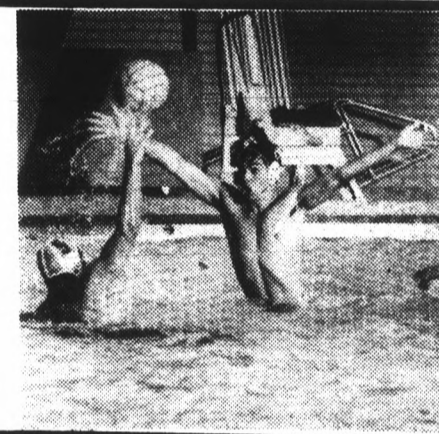
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Foreigners miss home

by Rabie Mahshi
Staff Writer

The car made its way through the wrecked city early one morning in July. The city was calm; not a single shot could be heard. As the car approached the so-called "green line," I began to sweat, and my heart pounded uncontrollably.

"This has got to be it," I thought to myself. "It'll be too bad if someone takes a shot at me, but I must get out of this country in one way or another."

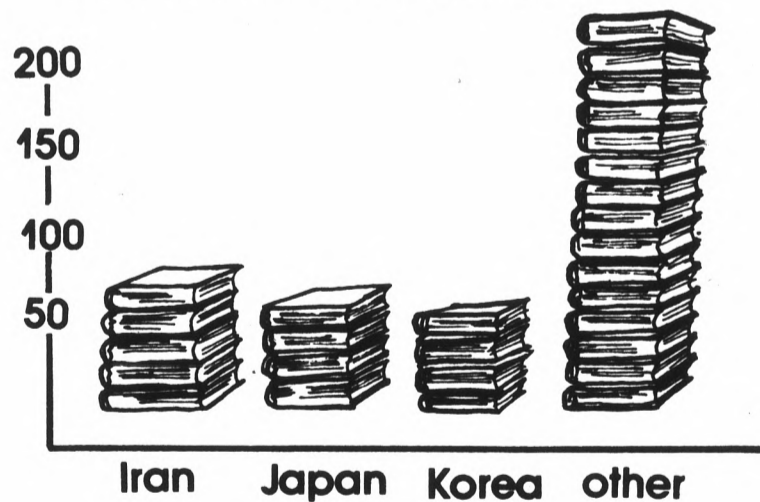
On July 27, 1984, I crossed the green line, passed by the heavily armed militias and headed towards the U.S. Embassy in West Beirut.

That afternoon I returned home almost like a hero, for my mission was accomplished. The U.S. Embassy had granted me an F-1 student visa, which allowed me to go to college in the United States.

Five days later, I left Lebanon. It was a moment of mixed emotions for me. I did not want to leave, but I had

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Breakdown of students



Source: International Student Organization

Strangers in a strange land

by John Hamilton
Staff Writer

More than 300 foreign students from about 50 countries are currently studying at Rancho Santiago College.

Iran, with 52 students enrolled, is the largest national group according to Donna Tolley, adviser to the International Student Organization.

Other countries that have several students attending RSC include Japan with 40 students and 20 students from Korea.

Just two years ago, there were only about 100 RSC students here on student visas according to Tolley. The number has tripled since that time with 319 foreign students enrolled at RSC for the fall semester of 1985.

RSC teachers seem to agree that foreign students are an asset to the school. English and women's studies teacher Georgia Mabbutt said, "One of the joys of teaching at this school is the cultural diversity."

Friendship goes beyond the war

by Kelly Ward
Editor-in-Chief

For the past five years their countries have been at war. Yet at the same time, in another place, natives of Iran and Iraq become friends.

They both say that they do not always agree on everything, but that does not mean that they can not get along. Mohammed Mohammed, 21, a native of Iraq, is one of these students.

"Sure, I get along with Iranians, some of them are my best friends," he said. Mohammed also believes that the people of the two countries do not want to fight, but that the governments are warring nonetheless.

"Both countries are missing peace and freedom. Right now there is always war—always killing, nobody wants that," stated Mohammed.

Mohammed said that Iran and Iraq are very similar, and the people of both

countries "eat the same kinds of foods and have the same religion."

The only variation between the countries, according to Mohammed, is the language and the names of the countries.

Farid Tahbag, 20, a native of Iran said that he, like Mohammed, feels no animosity towards Iraqis here. "Let me put it to you this way, if a Russian were standing here next to you, would you automatically hate him or would you try and get to know him?" he stated.

Tahbag said the same is true for him. "Just because two countries are at war it does not mean that the people hate each other."

Mohammed said he hopes that one day the war will be over and the two countries can live in peace. "I talk with the Iranians about the war and about peace. We both have one belief—to stop the war and live in freedom once again."

News Briefs

DANCEWEEK 4 ... The final in a series of four dance concerts will premiere tonight in Phillips Hall Theatre at 8 p.m. The special guest will be The Diamond Valley Dance Theater with artistic director Dave Massey.

SENATOR ELECTIONS ... Applications for ASB Senators will be available at the Student Activities Office on Nov. 12. The applications will be due on Nov. 26 for the Dec. 3 and Dec. 4 election.

ART-A-GLOW ... The new art exhibit at RSC opened this week. The exhibit will be open weekdays until Dec. 12 for students and faculty at the Art Gallery in the Humanities Building.

LAST DAY TO DROP ... Today is the last day to officially drop a class with a "W". Students wanting a class dropped from their class schedule should go to the admissions office.

RSC AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN ... Student Activities is now offering a 50 percent discount on admission at Magic Mountain. The dates for this event are Nov. 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30, and Dec. 1. The price for this event is \$6.95 per person. For tickets or information call the Student Activities office at 667-3098.

WOMEN'S TENNIS OPENINGS ... A few spots are still open on the RSC Women's Tennis Team. The season begins in the spring, but team members are practicing now, Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. and Wednesday at 3 p.m. For further information come to the tennis courts during practices or call Carolyn Canada at 667-3300.

FREE LECTURE ON SOUTH AFRICA ... The Collegiate Republican Club presents "A nation in turmoil...South Africa." This free event will be held on Wednesday at noon in room C-104. The lecture will be part of the weekly Speaker's Forum.

BAND REUNION ... RSC will hold a reunion of the old Santa Ana College Band to meet and team up with the new RSC Band to perform at the Homecoming game Saturday at Eddie West Field. All former band members are invited to meet at Eddie West Field at 7 p.m. and be ready to play in the Homecoming Band directed by Mr. Ben Glover, band director. A pizza party follows the homecoming activities. Members that need an instrument should meet at the RSC bandroom before the game at 6 p.m.

RSC offers scholarships

by Mardan Afrasiabi and
Maria Duran
Staff Writers

Around this time of year, many sophomores at RSC get nervous. November means the start of filing transfer applications to four-year universities.

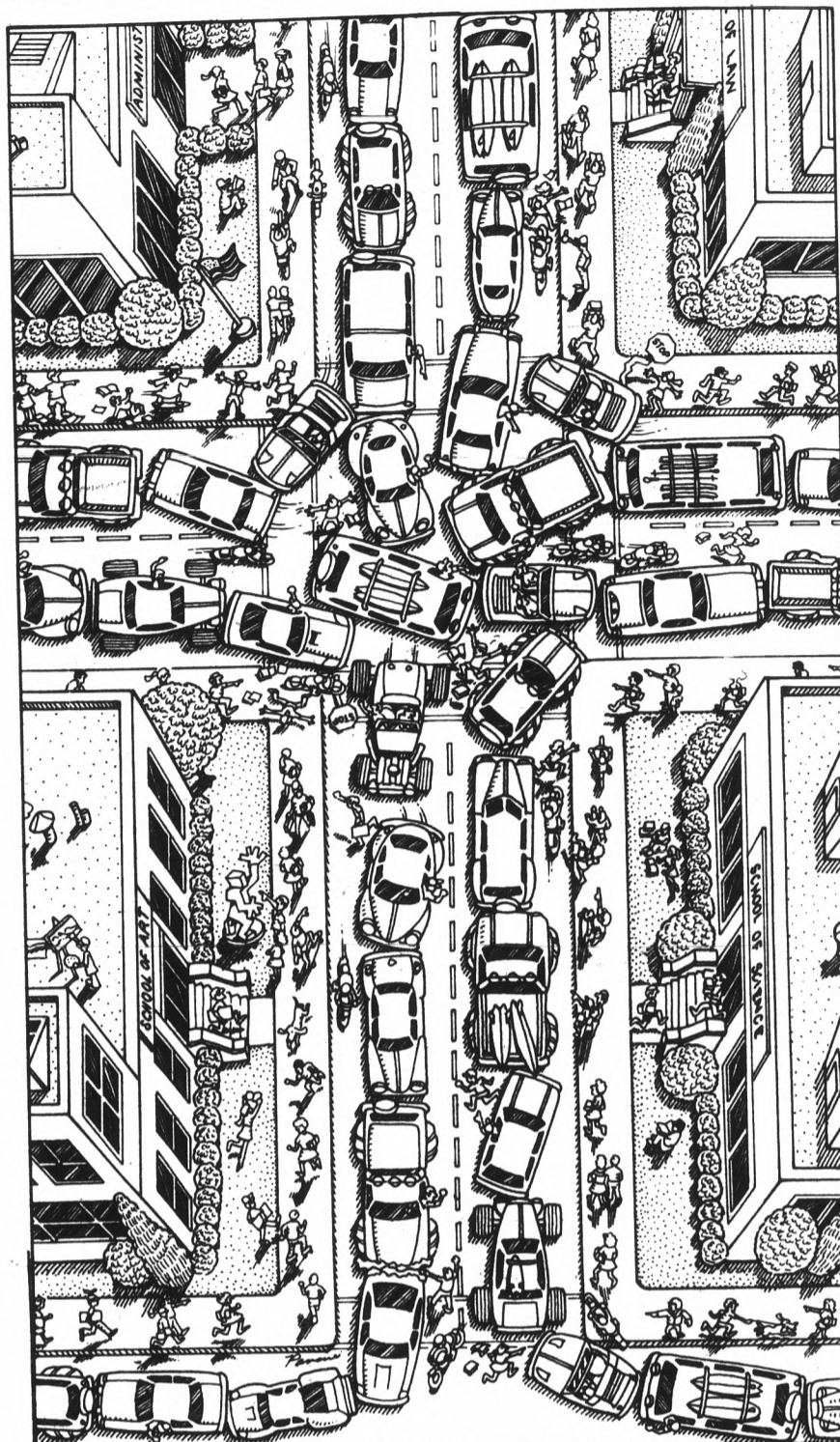
It also means the start of anxiety for those students who are not sure how they are going to handle the rising cost of universities.

However, as Sharon Hamilton will testify, getting a scholarship is not as difficult as it seems. Hamilton is the scholarship coordinator at RSC which is currently offering over \$55,000 in scholarship money to RSC students.

These scholarships are available to graduating sophomores transferring to a four-year college or university. The basic requirements are as follows: Must have a grade point average of 2.5 or better; must be enrolled in at least six units; must have completed a minimum of 24 units; must have attended RSC for the last two semesters.

Scholarships are available in several areas including engineering, music and journalism.

Applications for these scholarships are available in the Scholarship Office of the Administration Building through March 1, 1986.



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OLDIES BUT GOODIES - Bathing suit fashions from the 30's and 40's are modeled by senior citizens as part of a seminar by New Horizons.

Non-resident tuition

Students pay hundreds to attend RSC

by Tom Taylor
Staff Writer

He picked up his suitcase, kissed loved ones goodbye and boarded the plane.

Kingsley Akaniro of Nigeria, West Africa, wanted a better education, and

nothing was going to stop him. Not even the grave economic problems of his country.

A different economic issue confronted Akaniro when he enrolled at Rancho Santiago College last year. He had to

pay more than \$1,000 a semester, including books and college medical insurance.

The bulk of the cost for Akaniro and his foreign counterparts is tuition—\$79 a unit. Out-of-state students pay the same rate, pushing their cost of tuition for a 12-unit load to about \$950 a semester.

Meanwhile, California residents pay a maximum of \$50 per semester for tuition.

Akaniro, a public administration major, said the higher fees for foreign students are "irrational." But he added that his education is worth the price.

Other students too complain that tuition for foreign and out-of-state students is high, but residents and administrators say the cost is justified.

Gil Moreno, director of fiscal services at RSC, said non-resident students do not pay state taxes so their tuition is much higher.

Rabie Mahshi, who came to RSC last year from Lebanon, said, "I knew what the cost was before I came,

and it was my decision then to accept or reject it."

Mahshi said he would not have the peace of mind or the education he has now if he had stayed in Lebanon. Still, he said some RSC programs—like the library and el Don—need improvement.

Donna Tolley, RSC foreign student coordinator, said foreign students at RSC do not pay as much as their counterparts at colleges in the Los Angeles area. At those campuses, foreign students pay about \$90 a unit, she said.

Tolley, who processes visas for foreign students, said she receives approximately 200 applications per semester. Many are rejected.

RSC has more than 300 F-1 students—those here on foreign-student visas. The foreign students make up nearly 10 percent of RSC's 3,597 full-time students, according to college officials.

To be accepted into RSC, the foreign student must have sufficient financial support to carry him through the five-semester program, Tolley said.

Foreign students at RSC are

required to take at least 12 units a semester, because they are "here to study and not to work," Tolley said.

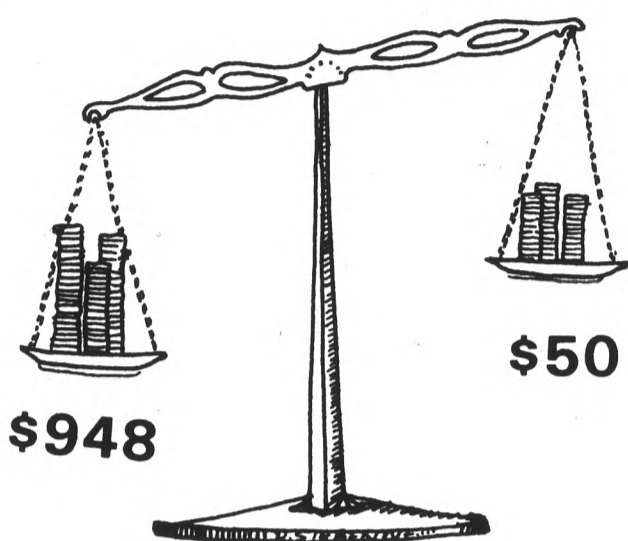
What do out-of-state students, who pay the same fees as foreign students, think about their tuition costs?

Bliss Ehrlich, who recently moved from Pennsylvania, said: "The big difference in price between a resident and an out-of-stater is too high. What they're basically saying is, 'Don't go to school for a year.'"

Ehrlich, who is majoring in telecommunications at RSC, attended Pennsylvania State University for three years and completed 82 units.

When she got here, she could take only six units at RSC, because she could not afford anymore, she said.

Moreno, director of fiscal services at RSC, outlined the reasons behind non-resident fees: "Tuition at RSC for residents is set by the state Legislature. Non-resident fees are calculations I make that are pursuant to the Education Code of California and do not give much freedom of choice.



UNBALANCED SCALE—A full-time student carrying 12 units who is resident only has to pay \$50 tuition, but a non-resident must pay at least \$948 for the same education.

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to. I loved the country, but I could not handle the war anymore.

Anyway, the flight from Beirut to Los Angeles took two days. It was a long and tiring trip, but worth it, because I was looking forward to starting college.

My education at Rancho Santiago College began on Aug. 27, exactly a month after I received my visa. I had a good impression of the college, and I thought to myself at that time that I was a lucky person to be part of the American college life.

In a way, it was like a dream come true for me. I made a deal with myself that I would take part in all sorts of activities, get to know as many people as possible and show interest in all subjects.

Unfortunately, I had to call off this personal deal the very first day because I noticed that almost everybody I spoke to was self-centered.

Therefore, the first setback that I began to experience was partial rejection. I felt extremely lonely.

Around the second month of college, I went in to see my counselor. I was suffering from a severe case of homesickness.

According to Richard Bartholomew, the international student counselor,

loneliness and homesickness are the two most common personal problems that strike international students. Other problems include sudden financial difficulties and unexpected academic barriers, such as weakness in English, American history and political science.

Bartholomew said it is natural for international students to feel lonely and homesick. "Some come from war-stricken countries," he said. "Others might be living alone here."

Bartholomew said it is hard on international students at first, but they usually adjust to the American lifestyle after a while.

Tom Taylor, a South African who has attended RSC since fall 1984, said he too suffered at the beginning.

"The first few weeks I was confused and frustrated, because I was in a new country; in a totally different environment, with different people around me," Taylor said. "But I quickly overcame these obstacles and turned into a full-fledged Californian."

Taylor said it was hard for him to meet people. He said he did not know anybody his age with whom he could

relate. He added that he found it hard to start a conversation.

But later, when he knew his way around the college, he found that people wanted to talk with him. "I guess my English accent attracted their attention," Taylor said.

Taylor also said he was constantly homesick. He said bad news about political unrest in South Africa upset him and made him think more about his family.

Taylor's problems during the first few weeks at RSC were similar to Tony Ltief's problems.

Ltief is a student from Lebanon who began

attending RSC last spring. Ltief said he felt lonely at first and that he found it hard to get along with people.

He said he had second thoughts about associating with Americans because he had been told they had no moral values.

"It was my fault," Ltief said. "I thought that I was going to get spoiled."

Because of his negative attitude, Ltief said, he felt lonely.

But things began changing for him when he found he could communicate easily with Americans. "They were friendlier than I thought they would be," he said. "And all I needed was some time to get adjusted to their lifestyles."

Ltief said he still thinks about home, but he does not let that control his emotions. He added that he tries his best not to let what is going on in Lebanon destroy him emotionally.

Ltief, like Taylor, has managed to overcome his personal problems. He said that if international students are unable to control their emotions after the first semester of college, they might as well go home.

Bartholomew, international student counselor, advises foreign students to get involved so they can combat loneliness and homesickness. He said foreign students should:

—Start "networking" with other international students through the new-student orientation, Guidance 105 class, and international club activities.

—Set personal goals and develop interests in order to establish themselves academically before anything else.

—Be open to new friendships.

—Take advantage of counseling available throughout the semester.

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If you are a smoker then next Thursday, Nov. 21 is your day to kick the habit. The Great American Smoke-out, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is your once-a-year day to stop smoking.

We at *el Don* feel that all smokers should take this opportunity to do themselves and their loved ones a favor by taking the day off from puffing.

It is not really that difficult to do if you set your mind to it. Instead of lighting-up first thing in the morning, do some exercises.

When you go to lunch, do not have a cigarette, eat an apple instead. Whenever you want a cigarette, do something else to take your mind off the craving.

el Don staff members think that the Great American Smoke-out is a commendable idea and that all participants should be given support and encouragement.

el Don also feels that the Smoke-out should be extended to include the discontinuance of other forms of addictive substances, such as alcohol and other drugs.

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Non-resident fees should be lowered

Two students take the same psychology class.

Both students hear the same lecture, receive the same amount of homework and take the same tests, but one student pays somewhere between \$15 and \$50 for his semester here and the other student pays \$237 for the psychology class alone.

The difference between these students is that one is considered a resident and the other is considered a non-resident.

In America, the land of equality, where everyone is supposedly given the same chance in life, students receive the same education but at a much different cost.

The idea of a non-resident student paying more than a resident student is understandable, but lately the cost has gotten out of hand.

In order of fairness, why not have the non-resident student pay \$50 a unit, rather than the current charge of \$79 a unit?

The new system would charge \$50 per unit up to six units and after that it would be a maximum tuition fee of \$500 with no limit on the amount of units a student can enroll in.

The school would still be receiving a reasonable amount of revenue from the non-resident and at the same time, the non-resident would be released from paying the incredible amount that colleges have been asking for.

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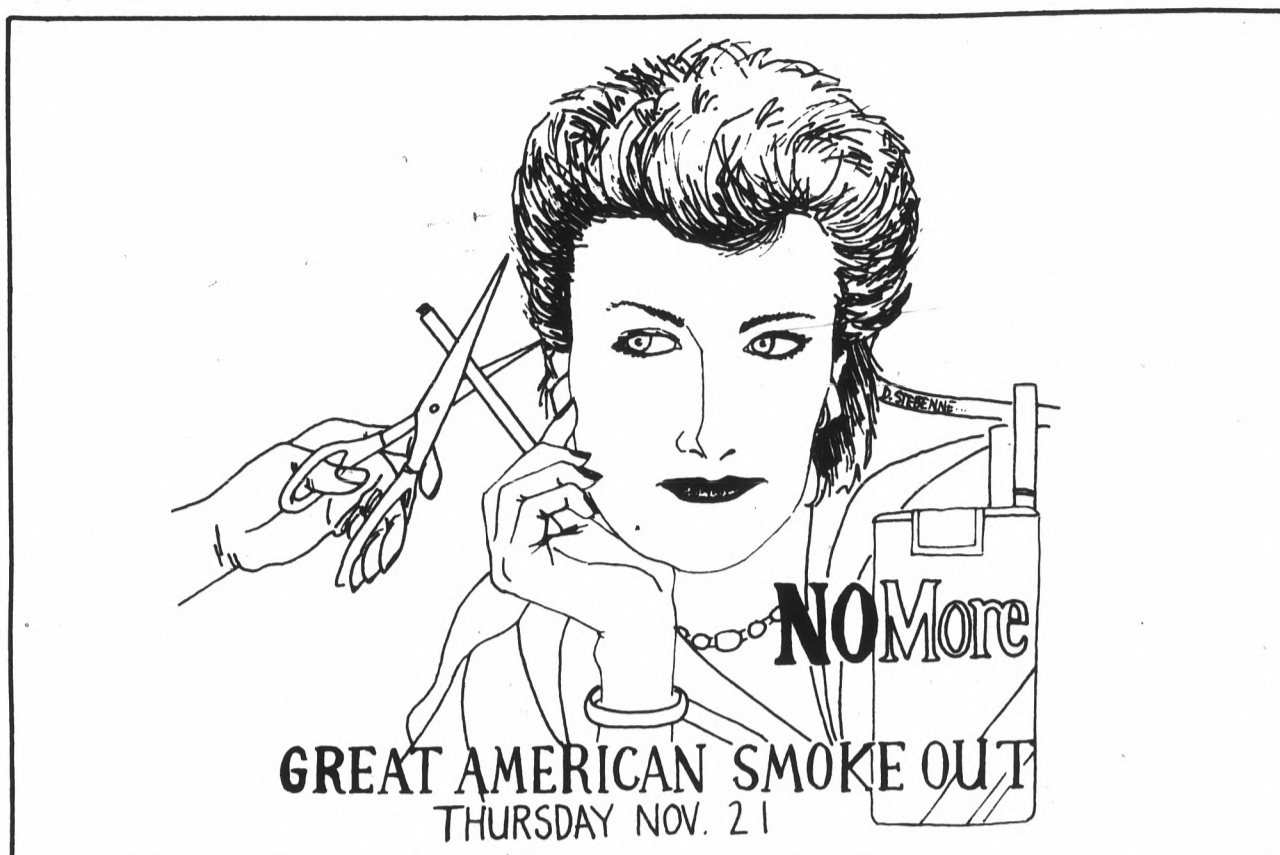
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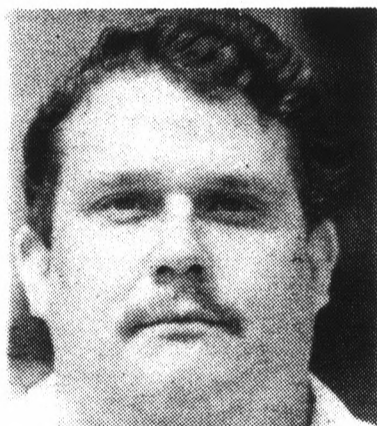
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Vets deserve praise



by Barney Thompson
Editorial Editor

What did you do on Veterans Day?

What did you think about on Veterans Day?

What is Veterans Day?

Unfortunately, in the eyes of many people Veterans Day is nothing more than a day off from school or a paid holiday.

How quickly we forget the over 45 million who have worn the uniform of the United States of America since 1775. How quickly we also forget the 1,429,823 wounded and 2,620,442 killed in battle while defending this country, its beliefs and its allies since 1775.

My Side

Taking a stab at strikes

by Ken La Salle
Staff Writer

I've always been in favor of the unionization of modern America, even when so many strikers died in the sixties, which was just another protest movement, but it has increasingly appeared to me that some union people are becoming highly unwise, i.e. dumb.

When they first started, sure, they tried peaceful methods, and I applaud them for that. However, with continued harassment of truck drivers, alleged killings, and general unruliness, these meat cutters and other market employees have gained a bad name, not only for themselves, but for many

These figures do not represent those wounded or killed in terrorist attacks, peace keeping missions or any activity since 1973.

In these times of uncertainty and with the threat of nuclear war hanging over our heads and with many groups seeking peace at any cost, it is easy to see why many people seem to overlook the meaning of Veterans Day.

I want a nuclear war about as much as the next guy, but to call for peace at any cost is sickening. Are we just supposed to forget about the 4,050,265 killed or wounded while defending this country? Their sacrifice was the greatest gift that they could ever have given their country and its people. They gave their lives, for what? So American citizens could protest against them, so Americans could disgrace them by spitting on them, so Americans could dishonor them by saying you died in vain, we want peace at any cost.

Less than a decade ago we celebrated our bi-centennial, now Lady Liberty is celebrating her centennial.

Their candles are not made of wax, but instead their candles have been made with American blood, the blood spilt by over 4 million Americans in a span of 198 years, from the start of the Revolution to the end of Vietnam.

I can not see why or how some people could think of handing it all over. The sacrifices have been far to great.

Next Veterans Day take the time to think. Think about the lives that have been lost in order to secure your freedom. Think about the pain and suffering that our military forces have been through in order to keep you safe.

I think that we, the people, should start paying back the debt we owe to our past and present military forces, the wounded, the disabled, and the dead.

Show some respect for those who have fought your battles, remember the meaning of Veterans Day.

Take pride in this country, take pride in the flag, take pride in those who have died.

Hug a Vet.

union strikers to come.

The striking system was instituted in order to give the worker a peaceful means of co-operating with the arbitration of contracts, etc. Do these strikers believe they're on a mission from God or something?? They have neither right nor reason to add further complications into an already confusing contract dispute.

Things have not reached a sufficient point that violent protests (the likes of which we have been seeing from the meat cutters) is needed.

So, guys, save your baseball bat money and buy an ice cream cone with it...make those of us who support you proud of you.



NEW MOVIE—Mikhail Baryshnikov and Gregory Hines star in Columbia Pictures' "White Nights." The film is about a Soviet defector and a man who defected from the United States.

Photo Courtesy of Columbia Pictures

'White Nights' dances with suspense

by Lee Scheide
Staff Writer

In the words of the old adage, the third time is the charm.

Those words would seem to apply to the newest Taylor Hackford film, "White Nights." The title makes reference to the phenomenon known as the Midnight Sun. In the Arctic Circle, day and night are both seemingly six months long.

Hackford, whose previous credits include, "The Idolmaker," "An Officer and a Gentleman" and "Against All Odds," has once again put a gripping story in the screen.

Nikolai Rodchenko (Mikhail Baryshnikov) is a world-famous ballet star that defected from the Soviet Union eight years previous. A nightmare becomes a reality, when a flight that he is on from London to Tokyo makes an emergency landing at a Russian air base in Siberia.

Even though he is an

American citizen, Rodchenko is considered a criminal in Russia because of his defection. The rest of the passengers are flown to Moscow, after being told that Nikolai is in a coma and cannot be moved.

Rodchenko's manager Anne Wyatt (Geraldine Page) does not believe the KGB agent, Colonel Chaiko (Jerzy Skolimowski), and asks for the aid of the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Chaiko then enlists the aid of Raymond Greenwood (Gregory Hines), and his wife Darya (Isabella Rossellini) to keep Nikolai in Russia.

Greenwood is just the opposite of Rodchenko, having left the United States after becoming disillusioned with its policies in Vietnam.

The first meeting between the disciplined ballet star and the free-wheeling tap dancer is filled with barbs and jibes, as both men try to find the others weak spots.

The verbal jousts soon turn to respect, as each sees the

other dance. The friendship grows, and a plan to escape from Russia is born.

Having decided to escape, Rodchenko, Greenwood and Darya make a break for it. They leave the apartment and

As in his previous in previous films, music plays a major role in the film.

The title song, "Say You, Say Me," is by Lionel Richie.

"I needed a title song that would reflect the message of this film," Hackford said. "The fact is that you need to count on your friends."

The love theme of the film, "Separate Lives," written by Stephen Bishop, is performed by Phil Collins and Marilyn Martin.

"That song belongs more to Greenwood and his wife," Hackford said. "We couldn't use it as the theme, so we talked to Lionel."

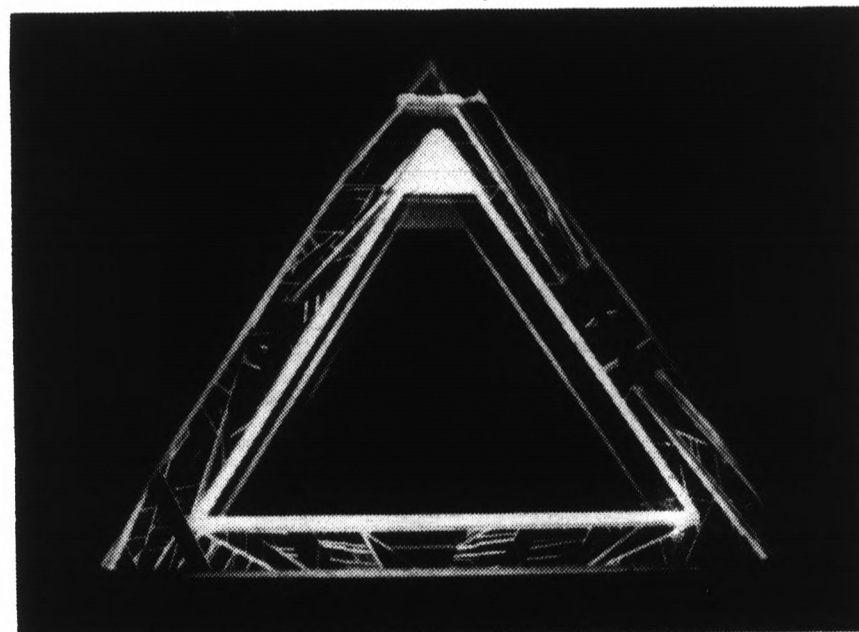
The movie is scheduled for release in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago and Toronto on Nov. 22. It will be released nationwide on Dec. 6.

Exhibit glows with talent



The RSC Art Gallery's current show, "Art Aglow—Nine Artists Using Neon", includes the works, (clockwise from left), "Goose", by Josh Davidson, composed of lucite, cast plaster, wood, paint, goose and neon. "Triangle Pyramid", by Ray Howlett, composed of vacuum coated glass, lucite, mirror and light. "Fire Flower", by Bill Parker, composed of plasma-light, ionized gas, electro-magnetic field, computer, glass and plexiglass. The exhibit curator is Gene Isaacson, and the co-directors are David Aeppli and Marsha Osborn. The show will run through December 13, and the gallery is open Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Dons falter in prelims

Ocadiz, Miller qualify for state meet

By Richard Lind
Co-Sports Editor

It seems as though the glory days' have ended for the RSC men's cross country team, or most of the team anyway, as they lost their bid for the Southern California crown on Friday.

"It was a good season, we had a tough race. We had post championship let down. Grossmont blew everyone

out," coach Al Siddons said.

The team was ready, but didn't have its best day. Only two runners, Sergio Ocadiz and Kelly Miller, placed individually for the State Meet in Fresno at Woodward Park at 10 a.m. Saturday.

"Usually, Ramon Lopez and Rueben Esparza are right next to Sergio," Siddons said.

This time they weren't, with Ocadiz coming in ahead of Lopez and Esparza by 20 and 42 seconds respectively.

Sergio Ocadiz ran a tough 19:41 placing for the state. He was followed by Rueben Esparza 20:23, Juan Vasquez 20:17, Ramon Lopez 20:23,

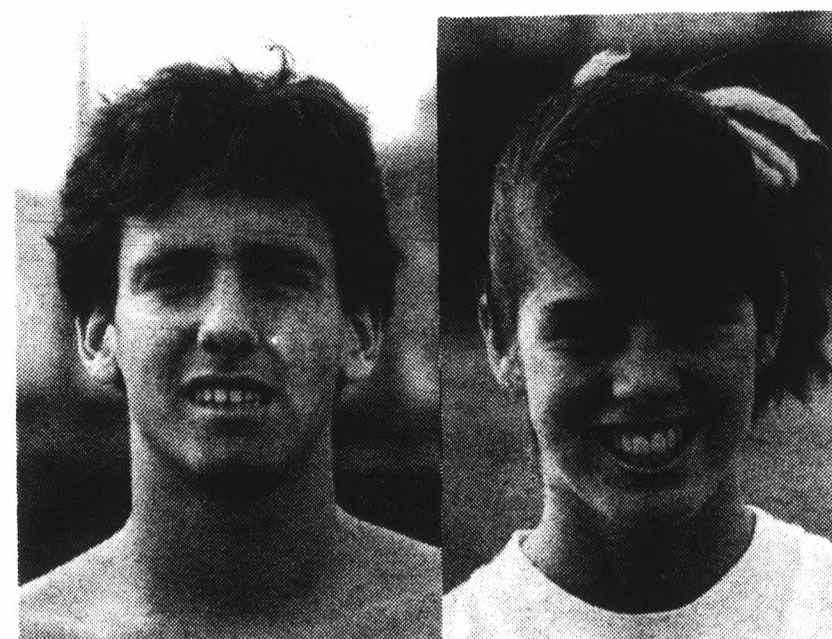
Chris Curtis 20:31, Joe Navarez 20:39 and Gary Munson 20:50.

"Our 7th runner (Gary Munson) ran a 20:50 and that was his best time of the year," Siddons said. "So we didn't run that bad."

"Sergio Ocadiz is being highly recruited. Last year he was an All-American and has a 3.6 grade point average," Siddons said of the only men's team runner to make the state meet.

The women also qualified a runner for the state championship. They had two runners in the meet, Kelly Miller and Socorro Godoy.

Miller, a sophomore, ran an 18:15 and qualified for state. There was no time given for Godoy.



ON TO STATE—Sergio Ocadiz (left) and Kelly Miller both qualified for the state meet to be held Saturday in Fresno.

Sports Update

Today:

Water Polo, So. Cal. championships at Mt. San Antonio, all day.

Soccer vs. Orange Coast at Santa Ana Campus, 3 p.m.

Volleyball vs. Saddleback at Saddleback, 7 p.m.

Cross Country vs. State Meet at Fresno Woodward Park 10 a.m.

Saturday:

Water Polo So. Cal. Championships, Mt. San Antonio, All Day

Women's Basketball vs. San Diego City at Santa Ana Campus 2 p.m.

Football vs. Saddleback at Santa Ana, Eddie West Field, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling, Cal Poly Tournament at Cal Poly, All Day

Tuesday:

Soccer vs. Golden West at Golden West at 3 p.m.

Wednesday:

Wrestling vs. Mt San Antonio at Santa Ana Campus, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday:

Women's Basketball vs. Oxnard at Santa Ana Campus, 4 p.m.

RSC to host No. 2 Gauchos

by Lee Scheide
Asst. Sports Editor

The Dons face their biggest challenge of the season Saturday, when they face the Gauchos of Saddleback College in Mission Conference action at Eddie West Field. The game, which is RSC's homecoming, begins at 7:30 p.m.

Saddleback comes into the game with a perfect 8-0 record overall, and 6-0 in the conference. The Gauchos are the No. 2 team in the state.

The Gauchos will be lead by quarterback Jason Schmid. Schmid brought Saddleback from behind last week to defeat Citrus. He directed the Gaucho's offense to two touchdowns in the final five minutes for the victory.

"We are going to put two

coaches up in the press box with high-powered rifles," said Dons coach Dave Ogas, when asked about stopping Schmid. "Seriously, he is a very good athlete who can hurt you with his scrambling ability."

The Gauchos use the hurry up offense, not allowing the defense to make substitutions in special situations. They keep the defense off-balance, and, as their record shows, have been very successful with it.

RSC had a bye last week, giving the players a chance to rest and recover. Two weeks ago, the Dons defeated Citrus, 55-6, to improve their record to 5-3, overall, and 3-3 in Mission Conference.

"Having the week off was nice," Ogas said. "It gave us a chance to rest, and to prepare

for the game."

"The rest particularly helped Sean Sawyer," Ogas added. "He was a little beat up, and the extra week gave him time to get bumps and bruises out."

Quarterback Silvio Deligatta will lead the Dons against Saddleback.

"Silvio is throwing the ball real well," Ogas said. "His teammates look up to him for his leadership. And, that is very important going into this game."

Asked about his game plan, Ogas said: "We are going to have to play them pretty much heads up. There will be a lot of pressure on the offensive line, and the secondary."

"For us, I hope it doesn't come down to a kick," Ogas added. "They have a real good kicker too."



DOWN BUT NOT OUT — RSC's wrestling team is off to a slow start due to injuries to key personnel.

Injuries plague grapplers

by Richard Lind
Sports Editor

Though the RSC wrestling team is 1-2 in conference play and 2-3 overall, coach Gary de Beaubien, is just happy that he has been able to put 10 wrestlers in every match so far this year.

With key injuries to 118-pound Isreal Chavez, out with a torn ligament, and 153-pound Wilbert Valencia, a pinched nerve, the RSC attack has been greatly hindered.

"We don't have a lot of depth on the team," de Beaubien said.

Than Tran, the much heralded 126-pound wrestler, is hurting as well, but has managed to defeat several ranked opponents this year.

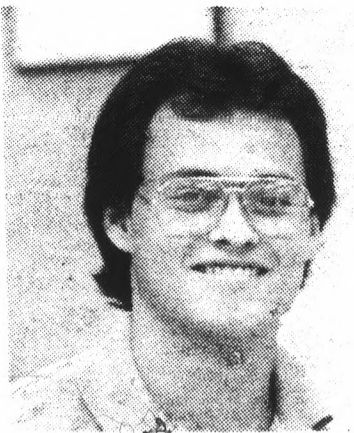
According to coach de Beaubien, Tran was ranked No. 2 in the CIF, and has been a bright spot in the new wrestling program.

Coach de Beaubien has conceded that his chances for winning the conference title are slim to none, but he knows that there is a chance to give his wrestlers a shot at winning individual titles.

"Our conference is one of the toughest in the state. The goal has now turned around. We are now trying to qualify four or five guys for the state," de Beaubien said about his small chances of winning the conference.

"Cerritos and Palomar are established wrestling programs and we have just started," de Beaubien added. "We have four or five guys that can qualify for state in our dual meets with Palomar and Cerritos and that's our goal."

Sportsline:

Quickness
vs. strength

Richard Lind

In baseball, there are two different philosophies on how to play the game.

One is that a team need only have speed and a very small amount of power. The other deals with the aspect of hitting the long ball more often and having only one, two, or no fast runners. Both ideas have an equal number of supporters.

Some coaches have philosophies that are completely different, but those philosophies are few and very often, they don't work.

The hardest philosophy to follow of the two, the running philosophy, takes many fast and skilled runners. Utilizing the speed, a team is able to turn singles into doubles and doubles into triples. This usually works, if the runners are good "punch and judy" type hitters, men that slap hits through the infield. These men tend to hit for average rather than power.

One very large problem that looms with the base stealing Punch and Judy hitters is that many of them hit under ten homeruns a year. This is where the homerun philosophy comes in. A power hitter, as they are called, can at anytime, hit a ball over the fence. His one swing can turn ball games completely around. Where as it takes the "Punch and Judy" types as many as two hits to score a run.

Being a power hitting team does have its draw backs as well.

Runners need to get on base to score the runs. If a runner isn't able to get on base a homerun isn't worth as much. Punch and Judy hitters tend to be a little more consistant when it comes to hitting. They tend to get on base more and strikeout less. A ground ball, for example, hit in a game is not an automatic out of the base stealing team, but for the homerun hitting team it is almost always an out.

A Punch and Judy hitter can be very helpful indeed, at times. A batter can hit a ball through the infield and get on base more often than a power hitter. He can also turn a game around. A consistant hitter can make runs and tends to score runs more consistently than the power hitter.

A Punch and Judy hitter has another advantage over the power hitter. He is able to stay out of the double play. In most cases, the slow power hitter is almost always dead when he hits a ground ball with a man on first base.

Though the Punch and Judy form of baseball is much harder to get, it is by far the more consistent when it comes to winning games. He is able to get on base more often. Though being a power hitting team can, if it is consistent, be devastating. The team can literally take a season and turn everything into long ball hitting. That is only if they don't slump which they usually tend to do.

Polo wins conference

by Alan Abair
Staff Writer

The Rancho Santiago College water polo team will open the Southern California Playoffs today at the Belmont Plaza Swimming Pool in Long Beach.

The Dons enter the tournament at the No. 1 seed. Rancho will play the opening game at 9:30 a.m. against the No. 8 seeded team. If they are victorious in the opener, they would play again tonight at 6:30.

The playoffs conclude on Saturday with the 3rd place game starting at 6 p.m. and the championship game at 7:30 p.m.

"It's great," said Gaughran of being in the playoffs. "This is basically what we've been looking for."

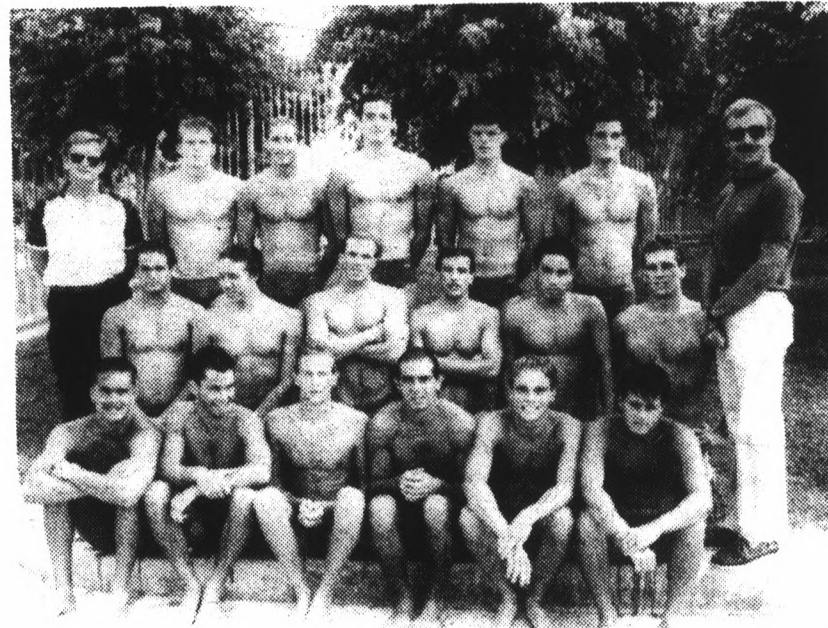
"It will be interesting to see how they do because this is all we've ever talked about," he added.

The Dons took third place last year in the Southern Cal playoffs after losing to Long Beach in qualifying. Rancho captured its only Southern Cal championship in 1983, dethroning perennial power Golden West.

The top two teams in the playoffs will advance to the State Championships next weekend at Cuesta College.

The Dons chalked up three more victories last week to end their regular season with a 24-1 record. They had a flawless 10-0 record in the Inland Conference and won the conference championship.

On Tuesday, the Dons



CHAMPIONS—The RSC water polo team, pictured above, defeated Citrus, 14-12, to win the Inland Conference title with a 10-0 record. Courtesy of Jerry Leander/RSC SID

jumped out to an 11-1 lead after one quarter and cruised to a 24-7 victory at Chaffey. Darin Haskins, Charles Sommer and John Maghner had three goals each for the Dons.

On Wednesday, Rancho traveled to San Diego and defeated San Diego Mesa, 18-10, in a nonconference game. Haskins led the way with five goals while John O'Neal added four goals. Freshman goalie Steve Redding was tough again in the nets with 11 saves.

But the biggest game of the year was Friday when the Dons got past Citrus, 14-12, to clinch the conference championship.

Mike Cornell had five goals and Sommer added three to lead the Dons. Other scorers

were Marc Young and Greg LaPointe with two goals each and O'Neal and Haskins with one each.

"We played well at times," said Gaughran. "We were lackadaisical at the start. Our heads were not in the game."

"They're a rather talented group," said Gaughran of Citrus. "That was no fluke. They played better than they did last time."

Haskins was ejected from the game with 2:37 left when he threw a punch at a Citrus player. He was retaliating after being bitten on the forearm by the same player. The Citrus player was not penalized.

"The kid drew blood," said Gaughran of the incident. "Of course, they (officials) see the punch but they don't see the bite."

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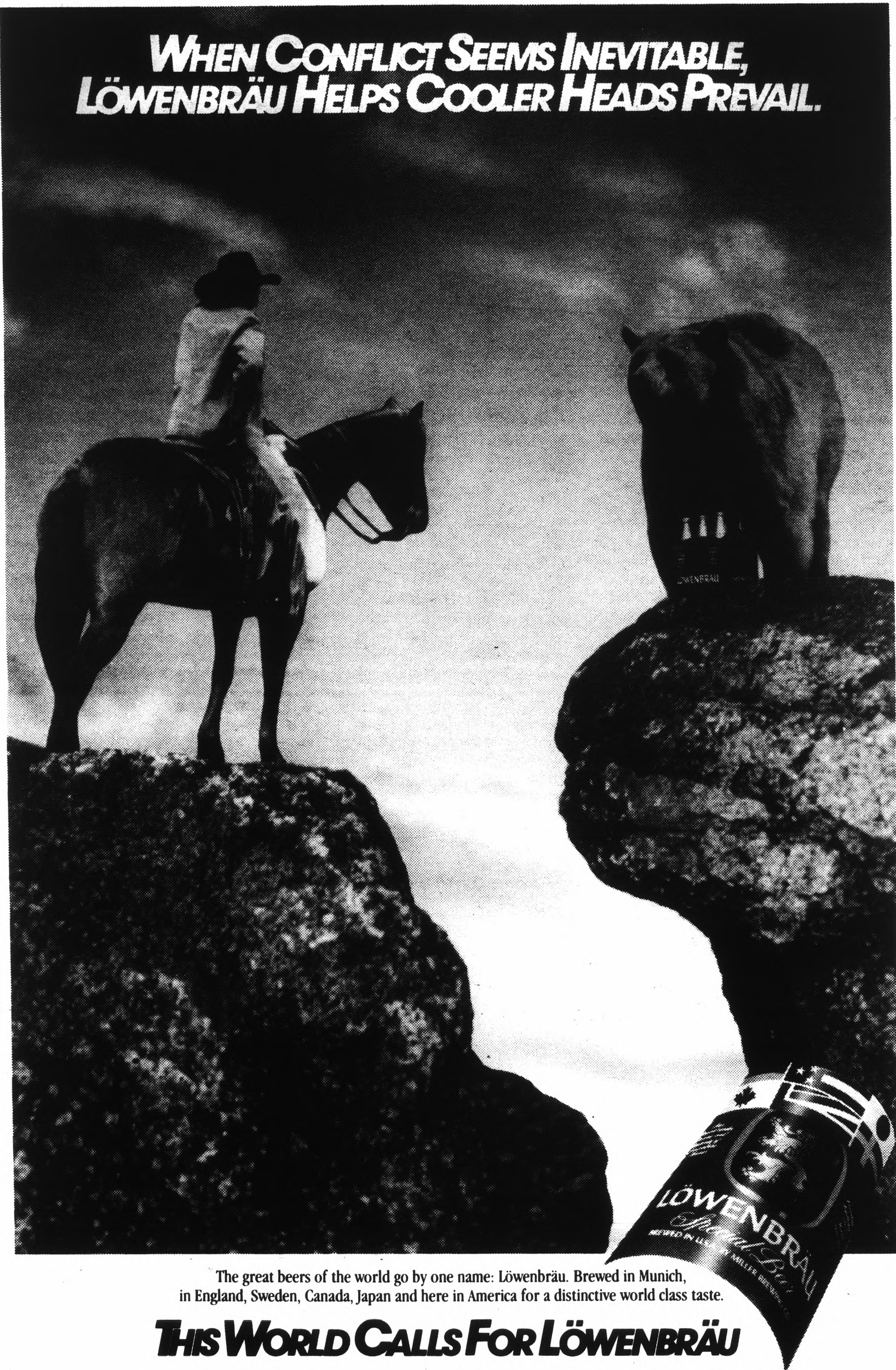
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